

February 18, 2014

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Heitmann, Fliehs, Muilenburg, Opp, and Brotherton (by telephone), and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary Public Works Supt Herron, and representatives from the press.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Brotherton and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by McGannon to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Cons Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
First State Bank	7,410.93	ss & wh
City of Groton	50.00	emp sav
AFLAC	945.08	emp ins
Avera Queen of Peace	175.20	drug tests
Buhls	30.50	rug rent
Car Quest	201.11	battery, oil, filters
Dahme Const	2,000.00	backhoe rent
Dakota Electronics	138.50	clip, mic
Dearborne Natl Ins	90.50	life ins
Groton Independent	21.56	publishing
Groton Vet Clinic	19.80	gloves
Guardian Ins	310.82	emp ins
HD Supply Waterworks	493.48	cplgs
Heartland Cons Power District	86,857.21	power
Kens Food Fair	403.89	fuel, supplies
NWPS	4,563.11	power delivery
Overhead Door	155.00	heater
SD Supplement Retirement	1,150.00	emp retire
Share Corp	512.81	cleaners, wax
Specialty Mfg Co	255.20	tubes
Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield	12,247.16	health ins
Western Area Power Adm	32,737.79	power

Department reports were given. Discussion was held on the expected swimming pool repairs before mid-May, negotiations with Hecla City on the bucket truck and with NW Energy on the used substation transformer, and enterprise fund operations in 2013.

Kim Weber has started fund raising for playground equipment at the swimming pool. Additional seating in the future slide area was also discussed.

At 7:15pm the following bids for the 2014 Chip/Seal Resurfacing Project were opened and read aloud:

The Road Guy, Yankton, SD – \$126,724.38
McLaughlin & Schultz, Marshall, MN - \$140,702.74
Bituminous Paving, Ortonville, MN - \$150,064.62
Jensen Rock & Sand, Mobridge, SD - \$115,871.73
Topkote, Inc., Yankton, SD - \$104,896.64

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Muilenburg to accept the low bid from Topkote, Inc. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Hanlon appointed Kathy Bjerke, Merle Harder, Bary Keith, Mitchell Locke, Kevin Pharis, Brian Schuring, and Craig Sternhagen to be the baseball advisory committee. Moved by Opp and seconded by Muilenburg to approve these appointments. All members present voted aye.

Baseball & swimming pool fees were reviewed and tabled until the advisory committees have presented their recommendations.

Delinquent utility bills and collection procedures were reviewed. The Finance Officer was directed to notify any customer who is currently delinquent that on May 2 there will be no extensions for any reasons and shut offs will be automatically done.

Supt Joe Schwan, School Board President Dorene Nelson and Police Chief Mayou came before the board to discuss the suggestion to locate an office for the police department in the high school. Many details would have to be defined before this could happen, but the City and Police Department are willing to now have the officers visit school more often. All agreed that student safety was primary.

Mayor Hanlon and Finance Officer Lowary reported on Local Govt Day at Pierre. Mayor Hanlon presented Kosel with a certificate of completion from the JUT school he attended in Sioux Falls on transformers. Finance Officer Lowary reported on the Heartland Customer Committee meeting that she attended.

Grant availabilities for baseball field repairs, baseball tournament fees, tourism events, transportation planning, a walking path, storm sewer cleaning, and energy conservation lighting were discussed and Council directed the Finance Officer to apply for as many as possible for Groton.

Hanlon, Muilenburg and Lowary stated that they were willing to attend the SDML district meeting in Eureka on Mar 25.

Lowary reported that so far one election petition was turned in and 5 other election petitions that are out are due Feb. 28, 2014.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer